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## **FCC CHAIRMAN MICHAEL K. POWELL ANNOUNCES FORMATION OF WIRELESS BROADBAND ACCESS TASK FORCE**

Washington, D.C. – Chairman Michael K. Powell has announced the formation of a Wireless Broadband Access Task Force to identify potential changes in wireless broadband policies that will further facilitate the deployment of wireless broadband services.

Chairman Powell said, “We are strongly committed to facilitating broadband investment and deployment, particularly through technological choices. This Commission has put a high priority on making sure Americans have access to broadband services through multiple facilities-based platforms. I believe that we can do even more. I have asked this Task Force to study existing wireless broadband polices and make recommendations for possible improvements to promote the growth of both licensed and unlicensed wireless broadband services. The overarching goal of this initiative is to take a hard look at what we can do to extend the reach of broadband services to underserved areas and to provide increased competition in areas that already have access to broadband. The creation of this Task Force is a positive step for progress in implementing our broadband vision.”

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Today, the Task Force also released a Public Notice seeking public comment on issues related to the Commission’s wireless broadband policies.

For additional information, please visit the FCC’s Wireless Broadband Access Task Force website at: [www.fcc.gov/wbatf](http://www.fcc.gov/wbatf).